

REMARKS

Claims 21-31, are now pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are cancelled. Claims 21-31 are now added. The new claims are fully supported by the application as filed and do not introduce new matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

Applicants' representative, Brent Seitz, thanks Examiner Kim for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview of June 27, 2006. During the interview, proposed new claims were presented to the Examiner for discussion. No agreements were reached.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Claims 15 and 16 stand withdrawn as being drawn to a nonelected invention. Applicants maintain that consideration of all the claims as filed does not place an undue burden on the Examiner. However, Applicants now cancel Claims 15 and 16 in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for allegedly failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the drawings stand objected to for allegedly failing to disclose all of the features of Claim 9.

Applicants maintain that all of the claimed features are illustrated in the figures. However, this drawing objection is now moot because Claim 9 is now cancelled. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 14 stands objected to because the Office Action asserts that the preamble is inconsistent with the parent claim. Claim 14 is now cancelled. Therefore, this objection is now moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 4, 6-11, 13, 14, and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The rejected claims are now cancelled. Therefore, this rejection is now moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this Section 112 rejection.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallace (U.S. Pat. No. 4,362,572) in view of Brubaker, Sr. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,584,836). The rejected claims are now cancelled. Therefore, this Section 103 rejection is now moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this Section 103 rejection.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 21-31 are now added. The new claims are fully supported by the application as filed and do not add new matter. Specifically, the new claims are generally supported by paragraphs [0075] through [0085] of the application as filed. Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of new Claims 21-31.

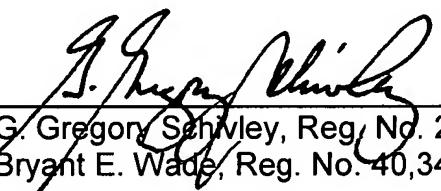
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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